

RESOLUTION OF BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RESPECTING RELOCATION PAYMENTS

WHEREAS, Chapter 121B, Section 20, of the Massachusetts General Laws authorizes cities and towns to raise and grant money to redevelopment authorities for the making of business relocation payments;

WHEREAS, the Federal Government will provide two-thirds of the excess cost over \$25,000 of each displaced business firm's moving expenses if the local authorities will pay the other one-third;

WHEREAS, that Loan Order authorized by the Boston City Council and approved by the Mayor on March 30, 1967 has been almost totally expended;

WHEREAS, without such increased Federal and Local financial assistance, numerous business concerns displaced and to be displaced from Urban Renewal Project Areas in Boston will suffer hardship;

NOW, THEREFORE, be and it hereby is resolved by the Boston Redevelopment Authority that:

1. It is estimated that businesses displaced or being displaced from Urban Renewal Projects in Boston in the next few years will incur in the aggregate, approximately \$2,700,000 of moving expenses in excess of \$25,000
2. The Director is authorized and directed to make an appropriate request of the Mayor of the City of Boston for an additional grant of \$900,000 to the Boston Redevelopment Authority for the making of Relocation Payments under Chapter 121B, Section 11 of the Massachusetts General Laws

3. With any funds granted to the Authority by the City as aforesaid, the Authority will make payments under Chapter 121E, Section 11 of the Massachusetts General Laws for reimbursement of moving expenses to eligible business firms displaced, in accordance with the Authority's usual Business Relocation policies, procedures and practices.

ESTIMATE OF BUSINESSES TO BE DISPLACED - ALL PROJECTS

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>NO. OF FIRMS</u>	<u>TOTAL COST IN EXCESS OF \$25,000</u>	<u>LOCAL SHARE</u>
FENWAY	19	\$811,512	\$270,504
CENTRAL BUSINESS DIST.	7	145,002	48,334
SOUTH COVE	6	198,000	66,000
CHARLESTOWN	8	266,457	88,819
SOUTH END	26	638,706	212,902
WATERFRONT	7	140,322	46,774
CAMPUS HIGH	<u>15</u>	<u>500,001</u>	<u>166,667</u>
TOTAL	88	\$2,700,000	\$900,000

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TO BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM JOHN D. WARNER, DIRECTOR

DATE

SUBJECT BUSINESS RELOCATION PAYMENTS - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL CITY FUNDS
TO MAKE BUSINESS RELOCATION PAYMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000

At a meeting of the Boston Redevelopment Authority on October 27, 1966, the Board approved a vote authorizing payments in excess of \$25,000 to all eligible business concerns displaced from all projects undertaken by the Authority.

The City Council authorized and the Mayor approved on March 30, 1967, a Loan Order in the amount of \$530,000 for the purpose of making available to the Authority, the necessary funds for the Local share of Relocation Payments in excess of \$25,000. At that time, the Development Administrator estimated that there were 64 businesses whose total cost in excess of \$25,000 would amount to \$1,588,000 and of this, the one-third Local share would amount to \$529,500. Revised estimates show that 143 businesses have been or will be eligible for relocation benefits over \$25,000.00, rather than the original estimate of 64 businesses.

To date, there have been 50 eligible businesses paid, with a total cost in excess of \$25,000 per business, of \$1,377,752 and the Local share has amounted to \$459,251.

The balance remaining in the City Account will only cover 5 of the 8 Claims presently undergoing review in New York, Region #1 Office, Department of Housing and Urban Development. The other 3 Claims presently in New York, as well as eligible businesses to be displaced in all

Projects, could reach a total cost, in excess of \$25,000 per business, of \$2,700,000. The one-third Local share for these businesses would amount to \$900,000.

Attached are the following:

1. A resolution of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, authorizing the Director to request the Mayor to provide an additional \$900,000 to make the Relocation Payments available, and providing that any funds made available pursuant to the request will be paid out to Displacees in accordance with the Authority's usual Business Relocation policies, procedures and practices.
2. A suggested vote.
3. A Project-by-Project breakdown of the number of businesses being displaced and the amount of funds involved.